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### Abstract

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July 8, 2011

Dear Representative:

On behalf of the AFL-CIO, I urge you to oppose amendments to the FY 2012 Energy and Water Appropriations bill that would repeal existing safeguards against contracting out by the Corps of Engineers (CoE). Safeguards against the use of the A-76 contracting process have been contained in appropriation bills since FY 2008, and both the Government Accountability Office (GAO) and the Department of Defense Inspector General have concluded that the A-76 process is badly flawed.

The prohibition against the use of A-76 was originally included to block an attempt to privatize the operation, maintenance, and repair of locks and dams, functions which even the CoE acknowledged were inherently governmental. The importance of locks and dams to the nation's economy cannot be underestimated, and the potential for loss of life and property is substantial if these facilities are not well-maintained.

We urge Congress to permit the continuation of these important safeguards.

Sincerely,

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